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Commission

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The Chief of Staff has been invited and will speak before an educational forum outside of Sacramento. Before his return to Sacramento, he plans to speak to the Lincoln Club, a group affiliated with the Republican Party and will meet with the Republican Party Central Committee. We discussed whether the use of the State car assigned to him to travel to the above events would give rise to a reporting obligation under the Political Reform Act, or would otherwise be prohibited by the Act.

It was your opinion that if the car and its associated communications equipment provided a necessary communications link between the Chief of Staff and State agencies, it could be driven to all events which he attends without creating a reporting obligation or offending provisions of the Act.

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